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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2008. A petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action is being made concurrently herewith via the EFS-web. The deadline for response is therefore moved from July 1, 2008 to September 2, 2008 (September 1, 2008 is Labor Day, a Federal Holiday). This Amendment and Response is also in support of the concurrently-filed Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 6 of this paper.